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- (x) CNG is supplied for automobiles through a number of retail outlets in Delhi and Mumbai to cater to the CNG fitted vehicles.
- (xi) Public awareness campaign on the effects of pollution has been launched.

Depletion of Dense Forests in UP

2202. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: . Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recent Forest Survey of India report reveals that dense forest cover of UP is being depleted by eight Sq.km. every day and the trend is continuing;
- (b) whether it is a fact that forests grow in Uttar Pradesh only on paper, as reported in Times of India dated 11th July, 2000; and
- (c) if so, what are the remedial measures adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) As per State of Forest Report, 1999, dense forest cover has declined from 22,958 Sq. Km. to 22,902 Sq. Km. and forest cover has increased from 33,994 Sq. Km. to 34,016 Sq. Km. in Uttar Pradesh during the period 1995 to 1998.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Encroachment of Forest Land Area

2203. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many hectares of the total forest land of the country

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.